

**The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on February 10, 2017.

Board Chair, Sharrie Cranford, called the meeting to order at 9:32am.

There was a quorum of members present including:

District I representative Sharrie Cranford – Chair

District IV representative Amy Smith – Secretary

District III representative Valeri White

District V representative Dr. Michael Smith

District VI representative Marilyn Colson

District VII representative LaShea Cobb-England

Ellen Leonard, Board Legal Counsel, was present. Executive Director Brenda Holden was also present for the meeting.

Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State website.

Approval of Minutes:

Copies of the minutes from the December 13, 2016, Board Meeting were reviewed. Marilyn Colson made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Valeri White seconded the motion. Amy Smith abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Board Business:

- a. Executive Director Brenda Holden updated the Board on status of the complaints. There are currently four (4) open complaints. Of those four (4), one (1) has an agreement, one (1) is being investigated, and two (2) need recommendations from the Board. Two (2) complaints have been closed since the last Board meeting.
- b. Valeri White made a motion to accept approval of new licenses issued since the last Board meeting. Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. The Board broke at 10:09am for scheduled hearings. Hearings concluded at 10:55am, and the Board reconvened at 11:00am.
- d. Dr. Michael Smith made a motion to accept the settlement agreement with Rachid Bagana with a lesser amount. Valeri White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Sharrie Cranford made a motion to schedule a hearing for Allison B. Marona. Dr. Michael Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Board Business:

- a. The Board was updated on members who have been invited to speak at a conference or program. Marilyn Colson will be speaking to Veteran's Administration Social Workers on March 9, 2017. Amy Smith will be speaking to the University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital Social Workers, and at Jacksonville State University 36th Annual Social Work Day during the month of March 2017; both regarding recent Code changes.
- b. Discussion regarding Impaired Professionals Program was tabled until next meeting.
- c. 1. Dr. Michael Smith made a motion to approve the reciprocity application of Mary B. Peagler. Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Marilyn Colson made a motion that the application for examination of Aleshia Grant be accepted. Sharrie Cranford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. Valeri White made a motion to begin the hearing process regarding licensees who have not submitted requested Immigration Compliance Forms. Shea Cobb-England seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Dr. Michael Smith made a motion to schedule a hearing for Christina B. Norris, LBSW. Valeri White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- f. Valeri White made a motion to accept the agreement regarding Kristen Dawson, LMSW. The motion was seconded by Sharrie Cranford. Amy Smith abstained. The motion passed unanimously.
- g. Marilyn Colson made a motion to allow Amanda Williams six (6) additional months to complete her supervision requirements for license reciprocity. The motion was seconded by Sharrie Cranford. The motion carried with Amy Smith, Sharrie Cranford, Shea Cobb-England, and Marilyn Colson voting in favor; Dr. Michael Smith opposed; Valeri White abstained.

PIP Applications:

- a. Dana J. Calhoun – Approved Social Casework; Approved Clinical Social Work
- b. Ashley L. Cochran – Approved Social Casework; Denied Clinical Social Work
- c. Christine E. Downing – Approved Social Casework; Approved Clinical Social Work; Denied Social Work Administration
- d. Whitney W. Dugette – Approved Social Casework; Approved Clinical Social Work
- e. Nicolette Brooke Harvey - Denied Clinical Social Work; Denied Social Work Administration
- f. Donna Michelle Johnson – Approved Social Casework, Approved Clinical Social Work
- g. Alissa Cohen Lapidus – Approved Clinical Social Work
- h. Amber Melody Mills – Approved Social Casework; Denied Clinical Social Work
- i. Joanna Palmer Moody – Approved Social Casework; Approved Clinical Social Work; Denied Community Organization
- j. Leah Rose Norton – Approved Social Casework; Approved Clinical Social Work; Approved Social Work Administration

- k. Donna Nichele Sewell – Approved Clinical Social Work; Denied Social Work Administration
- l. Lucinda C. Armstrong – Approved addition of Social Casework
- m. James Raymond Chinnners – Approved Clinical Social Work after reconsideration
- n. Tameka Nikkia Davis – Approved Clinical Social Work after reconsideration
- o. Otis Jerome Washington – Denied Social Casework and approved Clinical Social Work after reconsideration

Other Requests:

- a. Sharrie Cranford made a motion to approve the CE request from INR for *Autism Spectrum Disorder*. Amy Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Dr. Michael Smith made a motion to deny the request of Jessica Petway for Board reconsideration regarding her supervision for the LICSW that was previously denied by the Board. Valeri White seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed dates for next Board Meetings: Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at 9:30am, and Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 9:30am.

Amy Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:55am. Shea Cobb-England seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair

Board Secretary

Sharrie Cranford

Amy Smith